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INTERNET TELEPHONY ON VOIP
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Internet Telephony on Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) is causing concern among Indian security agencies, as such calls made to overseas parties, leave no trace of calls being made at all;

(b) whether several internet telephony service providers in Gujarat, Andhra and Kerala are selling calling cards of different overseas unregistered companies;

(c) if so, whether ITSP licensees maintain details of call records as a part of the licensing conditions;

(d) whether apart from security considerations, such clandestine operations by ITSPs cause severe revenue loss to the Centre; and

(e) if so, steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.